

LOCAL NEWS.

THE ENCAMPMENT.—The troops composing the encampment on the Mall were occupied yesterday by a strict course of military instruction; and from what we could judge, the reputation of the several companies was well sustained. A grand parade took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, and again in the evening at 4, which was witnessed by a large collection of citizens and strangers. The encampment broke up last night about 7 o'clock. The only regret we hear expressed is, that it did not last longer.

DARING BURGLARY.—Our enterprising neighbors, Messrs. Lewis & Hunt, as will be seen by their advertisement, were on Monday evening robbed of various articles, by some rogue who managed to break into their store. How such daring villainy can be perpetrated upon Pennsylvania avenue, at the early hour of 8 or 10 o'clock, without detection, it is difficult to imagine.

GYMNASTICS.—The reader's attention is directed to the advertisement of Mr. Perry, in our columns, who will give an exhibition of the science of self-defence this and to-morrow evening, at National Hall, rear of Gadsby's Hotel.

Gas.—Remember Mr. Colton's Laughing Gas entertainment, which comes off this evening at Concert Hall. We need not urge those who attended the first exhibition to go—but to those who did not, we would say, if you wish to attend a novel, interesting, or exciting entertainment, do not fail to attend. You will acknowledge, at the close, that for once you have got the worth of your money at an entertainment. We would repeat a suggestion in the advertisement, which will be found in our paper of to-day, that any of our readers who are acquainted with a singular or eccentric individual, should bring them forward to take the Gas. They will be admitted free of charge.

ELDER GILBERT BEEDEE, of New Vernon, New York, will preach in the Shiloh Meeting House, Virginia avenue, near 4th street, on this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock. may15

MALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.—The Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum, an infant branch of St. St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum, have opened a FAIR at Carusi's Saloon for the sale of useful and ornamental articles, prepared by benevolent ladies of our city. The Marine Band will attend each evening. may13

A CARD.—The ladies of the Methodist Protestant Church respectfully announce to the public their intention of opening their Fair on Monday, the 29th of April, at Apollo Hall, where they will display their beautiful and elegant collection, comprising the latest patterns of useful and ornamental articles; among which will be found handsome Silk and Worsted Embroidery, Shell and Wax Work, chiefly their own work, together with Perfumery, Stationery, Refreshments. Admittance 12 1/2 cents.

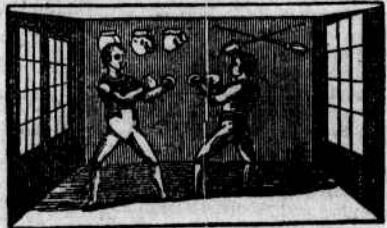
MR. G. Q. COLTON ANNOUNCES, that in consequence of the enthusiastic applause which greeted his first entertainment, and a general request that it should be repeated; and also in consequence of the kind approval and gratification which several members of Congress have expressed who witnessed it, he will have the honor to give a SECOND EXHIBITION OF NITROUS OXIDE, OR EXHILARATING GAS.

AT CONCERT HALL, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING. He has also the pleasure to state, that the most interesting subjects who took the Gas at the first exhibition have volunteered to come forward at the next, and also several who have taken it since then, will come forward. He, therefore, believes that a sufficient number of young men, of the right stamp, will present themselves, and that he shall not be under the necessity of calling upon boys.

Any Gentleman or Lady who is acquainted with a singular, queer, eccentric individual—any person who is remarkable for any intellectual or moral bias—is respectfully invited to bring them forward to take the Gas: they shall be admitted free. The object is to see if the Gas will develop their peculiarities. Two members of Congress have expressed a determination to take the Gas at the next exhibition, whether they will be as good as their promise, remains to be seen. Several Ladies have also expressed a willingness to take the Gas, with the approval of the audience. The sense of the company will be taken upon the subject.

The last audience was of the most select kind, and it is hoped the next will present the same appearance. Tickets 25 cents—children under 10 years, half price.

Doors open at half past 7—entertainment to commence at 8 o'clock, precisely. may15-1t



GRAND SPARRING EXHIBITION, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, MAY 15 & 16.

AT NATIONAL HALL, on C street, in the rear of Gadsby's Hotel. Mr. Perry will give his LAST exhibition of this manly art on the above named evening, when he will be assisted by the following professional gentlemen—

MESSRS. JAS. SANDFORD, CORDERY, KENSETT, and ROSE, of New York.

The Indian delegation, composed of the celebrated Seminole warriors, Wild Cat, Alligator, Tuskengee, and Tiger Tail, now in the city, have been invited, and will be in attendance in full costume.

Tickets, on this occasion, 50 cents. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. may14-3t

GREAT CURIOSITY. THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN BUFFALOES will be exhibited, for a few days only, at the carriage house adjoining the Washington Stables on 8th street, between Pennsylvania avenue and the Patent Office. They are of various ages, were caught at great expense, and are rarely to be seen but by the Western pioneers. They are so arranged in a cleanly enclosure, that ladies and children may visit them in perfect safety.

Admittance only 25 cents—Children half price. may10-1w B. DADE & CO.

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1844.

SENATE.

Mr. SEMPLE presented a petition from Illinois, asking the establishment of a national armory at Fort Massac.

Mr. FAIRFIELD, a petition for a pension from David Brown, a colored man, wounded in a sea engagement during the Revolution.

Mr. WRIGHT, a memorial from citizens of Albany, praying Congress to empower the President of the United States to commute the punishment of the pirate Babe.

Mr. WHITE, a memorial from Wayne county, Ia., without distinction of party, remonstrating against the annexation of Texas.

Mr. RIVES, memorials from Fluvanna and Clarke counties, Va., urging Congress to make no alteration in the present tariff.

Mr. SIMMONS submitted a resolution that there be printed, for the use of the Senate, 1500 additional copies of the document published in 1842, showing the changes in the commercial relations of other countries.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill further to regulate the punishment of the crime of piracy on the high seas.

Mr. BERRIEN, from the same Committee, reported a bill for the relief of persons residing beyond the reputed line of Arkansas, and within the limits of Texas.

Mr. SEVIER asked for the immediate consideration of this bill, which, however, was objected to; whereupon, Mr. S. gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow.

The Senate took up and passed the bill for the relief of the widows of the officers and crew of the U. S. schooner Grampus, and for other purposes.

A bill to abolish the office of Solicitor of the General Land Office, was taken up, and, after quite a scattering discussion, it was ordered to be engrossed by a vote of 25 to 16.

Mr. EVANS called up the joint resolution fixing the period of the session. He was sorry that the House had not consented to adjourn on the 27th. For himself, he was in favor of adhering to the time first named, but he had conferred with gentlemen in the House, and would move to amend the resolution by naming the 3d of June.

Mr. RIVES was as desirous as the Senator from Maine, of getting away from here, but thought we should be all at sea again, unless the House period was adopted.

Mr. BARROW said, if the resolution was to give rise to debate, he must move to lay it upon the table.

Mr. WALKER said he intended to discuss it. Mr. BARROW then submitted his motion, which, on division, prevailed.

The Senate passed into Executive session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. DAWSON, on leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of Louisiana, in relation to the navigation of the Red River; referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. CAMPBELL submitted a resolution, which was adopted, that all debate on the bill to amend the charter of the City of Washington, should close at half past twelve this day.

Mr. C. then asked the Speaker what was the condition of the District Bank bill brought in from the Senate; and the SPEAKER explained how the said bill was among the third class of business on the desk—the first being Executive communications, the second, House bills amended by the Senate, and the third Senate bills. It could only be reached by a vote of two-thirds.

In order to get at the bill now, Mr. C. moved a reconsideration of the vote by which it was ordered to a second reading. Mr. C. made some complaint of the methods resorted to in order to destroy this bill by a sort of indirection.

Mr. CAVE JOHNSON took the remarks of Mr. C. (perhaps rightly enough) to himself, and got into a passion, saying, "if the remarks were made for him, it was not true—and if they were meant for others, he says what I believe are true."

Several gentlemen called Mr. J. to order. Mr. CAMPBELL said he had made no charges against the member from Tennessee, and the member from Tennessee, in turn, said he was satisfied.

Mr. BURKE moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, and the yeas and nays were called. The motion was rejected by 94 to 70.

Mr. Campbell's motion to reconsider prevailed, and the Bank bill was then read a second time, and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The House then resolved itself into Committee, Mr. J. R. Ingersoll in the Chair, and resumed the consideration of the

CHARTER OF WASHINGTON CITY.

This bill gave rise to a protracted debate upon the proposed qualification of voters. Some were for unrestricted, universal suffrage—some for a property tax—others for a poll tax.

Messrs. CHILTON, ATKINSON, CAMPBELL, and others took part in the debate, which closed at half-past 12.

The pending amendment, giving the right of suffrage to every one who has attained a majority, resided one year in the District, and paid a poll tax of 75 cents, was adopted.

The bill, a very long one, was then read, occupying nearly an hour, and employing two clerks in the task.

A motion was made by Mr. CHILTON, to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert, with some modifications, the charter prepared by the citizens of Washington themselves. The motion was rejected.

A motion was then made, and agreed to, that the people of Washington should decide within thirty days whether they will accept this charter or not.

The bill was then laid aside, and Mr. CAMPBELL moved to take up the Senate bill to extend the charters of the District Banks.

Objections were made, and the committee were divided upon the proposition, first without a quorum; and secondly, by a vote of 66 to 60, decided not to take up the bill!

Mr. CAMPBELL then moved to take up the bill to improve Pennsylvania avenue.

This was agreed to by 65 to 48. The bill appropriates, together, \$40,000, of which \$28,000 is for the avenue.

Mr. CAVE JOHNSON moved to reduce the latter sum to \$5,000, and the proposition was debated at some length, but was finally rejected, and the bill laid aside to be reported to the House.

The next bill taken up was a bill appropriating \$500 for repairing the roof of the Alexandria Court House.

At the instance of Mr. WELLS, this bill was informally passed over for the present.

Mr. CAMPBELL then moved again to take up the District Bank bill.

The committee twice divided by tellers; and, although a majority were in favor of taking up the bill, no quorum voted.

The CHAIRMAN counted the members, and announced that there was a quorum present, and earnestly called upon gentlemen to vote upon one side or the other.

[Here several members left their seats, and went outside the bar.]

The vote was tried a third time, and the tellers announced 66 in the affirmative, and 30 in the negative—no quorum!

Mr. KENNEDY, of Maryland, asked the Chair how many he had counted, and the reply was 112. Mr. K. then submitted that 66 was a majority, and that the bill ought to be taken up.

The CHAIRMAN said the number might have changed since the count.

Mr. STEWART suggested that the committee rise, in order to get a call of the House.

Mr. CAMPBELL said no. He would give up the game. He asked the gentleman from Ohio, (Mr. WELLS,) to allow the Alexandria Court-House bill to be taken up. This was done, and the same was laid aside to be reported to the House.

The bill in reference to the Howard Institution was also taken up, and favorably laid aside.

The bill granting lands for the establishment of an Orphan Asylum in Alexandria, was next taken up.

Mr. CHILTON made a few remarks warmly urging the appropriation, and setting forth the objects of the charity.

Mr. HALE opposed the bill, and insisted (though it was difficult to see the connexion) that if this donation was made to the Alexandrians, an equal amount ought to be given to the Catholics of Georgetown. He believed that there was no power in Congress to make these eleemosynary gifts.

Mr. CHILTON very quietly read from a list of grants made to the District, several donations to the Catholic College of Georgetown, and the Sisters of Charity—to the latter, the amount of \$7,000.

[This somewhat staggered Mr. Hale, who had counted upon making a decided hit by his "Catholic" movement, and, perhaps, the more so, because Catholics in his State are without the benefit of the English Emancipation bill.]

After some further discussion, the Orphan Asylum bill was laid aside to be reported to the House.

The Committee then rose and reported progress.

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and took up a bill to grant certain lots for the extension of the Congressional Cemetery.

After some discussion, and one or two amendments, the bill was favorably laid aside.

A bill was then taken up further to amend the act granting a charter to the Alexandria Canal Company. This bill was read, and favorably laid aside.

The Committee rose and reported.

In the House, Mr. CAMPBELL proposed that the bills before it should be taken up, and finally acted upon.

Mr. HAMLIN moved that the House adjourn, which prevailed.

VARIETY STORE.

J. D. BOTELER having removed his store to next door of E. Simms's wine store, on Pennsylvania avenue, and second door from 4th street, calls the attention of his friends, and the public generally, to his stock of staple and fancy articles, which consists in part of—

Hardware and Cutlery
Crochery, Glass and China Ware
Brushes, Tin and Wood Ware
Baskets, Basket Carriages and Cradles
Hollow Ware, &c., &c.

With many other articles too numerous to mention in an advertisement; all of which he pledges himself to sell as low as they can be obtained in the District. ap30-1m

VALUABLE FARM AND WOODLANDS NEAR WASHINGTON CITY FOR SALE.

THIS estate is situated about two and a half miles from the Centre Market, northwest of the Columbian College, adjoining the lands of Dr. Worthington and Messrs. Holmead and Pearce. It contains 300 acres, from 80 to 100 in cultivation, chiefly set in timothy, orchard, grass, and clover, and nearly 200 acres in wood, considerable portions of which are heavily timbered. The uncleared lands are of excellent quality, and the cultivated portions have been found to be kind and easily improved; lime, ashes, and plaster, having been abundantly applied by my father, the recent owner, with the finest effect.

By a recent survey, these lands have been divided into the following portions:

Lot 1. Containing about 128 acres, with the improvements, consisting of a dwelling-house, barn, stable, manager's house, negro quarters, and other out-buildings, all erected within the last two years. The dwelling is in the cottage style, having piazzas on three sides, forming a square of 50 feet; it has six rooms on the principal floor, a stone basement, and comfortable attics. The situation is elevated and commands a fine prospect, forming a delightful and retired country residence. There are young and extensive orchards, comprising the choicest varieties of fruit.

Lot 2. Containing about 50 acres. Upon this portion there is a beautiful building site, and excellent stone quarries. It is bounded on the south by the county road leading to Pearce's mill. The soil is good, and admirably adapted to the purpose of market gardening. To each of these lots there is an abundance of wood.

Lot 3. Containing 37 acres 2 roods 35 perches, chiefly in wood.

Lot 5. Containing 34 acres 3 roods 16 perches, heavily timbered and rich.

Upon each of these lots there are good building sites overlooking the Washington and Rockville Turnpike. The water is excellent, and a stream runs through the whole tract. From their proximity to the city, and the perfect healthfulness of the region, these lands are deemed to be desirable. The title is good, and immediate possession can be given. Terms accommodating.

Mr. KING, the manager, will show the boundaries; and for price, and other particulars, apply to me at Georgetown, D. C.

I am only induced to dispose of this property from a desire to locate myself in one of the States with a view to the practice of my profession.

If not previously sold at private sale, the above will be disposed of at public sale on Monday, May 20, at 4 o'clock, P. M., at the auction rooms of Messrs. Holmead & Wright, Pennsylvania avenue, Washington.

The plats will be left with Messrs. Holmead & Wright. RICHARD W. REDIN. may7-2awtmay20

MUSIC! MUSIC!!
FOR THE PIANO FORTÉ, GUITAR, HARP, FLUTE, AND VIOLIN.—The subscriber having been solicited by his numerous customers to keep on sale an assortment of MUSIC, has, within the last six months, received a very excellent collection, all of which has been carefully selected by some of the best judges and amateurs, who have aided him in making up his selection, other than the latest publications. He will be in receipt of NEW MUSIC every few days, and will be happy to receive orders from his customers for any music they may desire, which will be promptly attended to.

A collection of 2,000 pieces has this day been received, which are offered at the usual prices.

GARRET ANDERSON.
G. A. will receive in a few days an assortment of Music which will be sold at half price. may14-1w

TRAVELLERS AND GENTLEMEN
HO may meet with accidents to their clothing by grease, paint, tar, &c., or may have become faded in color, and wish them restored to their pristine appearance, as when from the tailor's hand, (on a few hours' notice,) are respectfully invited to send or call on the subscriber, and examine his superior style of Coat Dressing and Dyeing, acknowledged by all, on trial, to be the best extant. Remember, his black dyes never soil. His motto is, No cure no pay.

WM. BELL, Dyer and Coat Dresser.
South side Penn. avenue, near 4th st., Washington. Established in Baltimore in the year 1821; branch at Washington in 1824. may14-1w

LIGHT SUMMER HATS.
I HAVE this day opened 20 cases of Hats, consisting of Panama, Leghorn, and the Canada Hat, (a new article,) together with a great variety of cheap Hats to suit the season; also, white, blue, pearl, and black Cassimeres; Beaver, Mole-skin, Brush, Russia, and Silk Hats, got up in the very best style, and remarkably light. E. G. HANDY, may14-1w Btw. Brown's and Gadsby's Hotels.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!!
WE have just received, per packets Alexandria and Victory, from New York, a large and well-selected stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, among which are the following, viz:

SUGARS—Loaf, Pulverized, Crushed, Lump, N. Orleans, Porto Rico, Muscovado, Havana, Brown, &c. MOLASSES—Porto Rico, New Orleans, Sugar-house Syrup.

TEAS—Imperial, Gunpowder, Old Hyson, Young Hyson, Hyson, Hyson Skin, Pouchong, &c.—all well selected.

COFFEE—Java, Angostura, Rio, Cuba, Laguyra, St. Domingo, and Burnt.

SPICES—Allspice, Mace, Cloves, Pepper, Ginger, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, &c.

FRUIT—Figs, Raisins, Prunes, Citron, Tamarinds, &c.

OIL—Lamp, Sweet, and Floreace.

CANDLES—Wax (colored), Mould, Sperin, Patent Sperin, and Adamantine.

SOAP—Windsor, Castile, Palm, Almond, Brown FISH—Mackerel, Cod, Shad, Scotch and other Herring, &c.

CIGARS—15,000 best Puerto Principe, and other brands.

MISCELLANEOUS—Cheese, Lard, Hams, Salt, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Pickles, Catsups, &c.

MATS—A great variety, made of grass, hemp, &c., &c.

WOODWARE of all kinds.

Citizens, generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call at the corner of 7th and E streets, opposite the General Post Office. may14-1t FALES & GLOVER.

JUST RECEIVED.

PER PACKET DODGE, in addition to our former stock, 8 hhds. Porto Rico, New Orleans, and Muscovado SUGAR. Also, a prime lot of New York FAMILY FLOUR. Citizens, generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call, at the corner of E and 7th streets, opposite General Post Office. may13-1t FALES & GLOVER.

JUST RECEIVED.

BUILDING MATERIALS, MECHANICS' TOOLS, HOUSEKEEPERS' ARTICLES, FISHING TACKLE, and a variety of other useful articles, too numerous to mention; all of which are offered as cheap as they can be purchased from pedlars, auctioneers, or the regular trade.

GEO. SAVAGE.
N. B. A large assortment of best Brushes always on hand. may10-cow4w

GREAT ATTRACTIONS AND GREAT BARGAINS TO BE HAD AT HALL & BROTHER'S, between 7th and 8th streets, opposite Centre Market.

Just received, 147 packages new spring goods from New York, comprising one of the best assorted stocks that can be found in this city, consisting in part of—

200 pieces Beroges for ladies' dresses, some very beautiful in style, and fine in quality, from 25 cents to \$1 per yard.

195 pieces silk and worsted Balzarines, for ladies' dresses, from 25 to 62 1/2 cents.

55 pieces splendid Chameleon Silk, fm 50 to 100 cts

35 dresses Lau Foulard Silks, entire new article

45 pieces black and second mourning Beroges

15 do blk plaid twisted Silks, for ladies' dresses

35 do black and white Gingham

60 do Palzarine Lawns, some black and second mourning

25 do Mousseline de Syria

75 dozen genuine French linen cambric Hdks

56 do best quality French kid Gloves

46 10-4 Lau silk Shawls, entire new article

65 baratin Shawls, some black and second mourning, satin stripe

68 plaid and s.ripe silk Shawls

300 pieces Mousselines de Laine, at every price which can be mentioned, from 16 to 25 cents.

35 pieces black Alpaccas, some extra fine, from 45 to 100 cents

30 pieces colored Alpaccas, do do

110 do Gimps, all colors

125 do Irish Linens, Barkley's make, which we will warrant to be genuine, and the cheapest linens in the city

20 pieces 12-4 linen Sheetings, extra fine

28 do 5-4 pillow-case Linens do

110 do Brown Hollands, from 12 to 25 cents

115 do Crash, from 6 to 10 cents

120 do Rns-ia Diapers

18 do Huckaback Diapers

20 do 8-4 and 10-4 damask Table Linens

85 do Nankens, at 12 cents

10 do grass Linens, for skirts

75 do thin white Corded Skirts, handsome art.

450 doz. cotton Hose, variety of colors, 12 to 37 cts

500 pieces blk and white Calicoes, extra fine, 12 cts

800 do Calicoes, extra fine, and beautiful style

115 do 5-4 bleached Sheetings, very fine, 12 cts

400 do extra fine Shirting Cottons

800 do brown Cottons, from 6 to 12 cents

100 do Straw Matting, 4-4, 5-4, and 6-4

15 bales linen Burlaps, Nos. 1, 2, and 3

And a variety of other articles, too numerous to mention. We can safely say we have the handsomest assortment of goods we ever had, and if purchasers do not call and see our goods before purchasing elsewhere, they will have much to lose. Do not forget to call. HALL & BROTHER.

NEW BOOKBINDERY.
WILLIAM H. NALLEY would respectfully inform his friends and the public, that he has opened a Bookbindery on Pennsylvania avenue, next door to Beer's Temperance Hotel. He would request those who have books to bind to give him a call, where he may always be found ready to execute all orders left with him. ap17-6m

AUCTION SALES.

SALE THIS DAY.